



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

P.A. Graef et al.

Attorney Docket No.: WEYE116969

Application No.: 09/815,933

Group Art Unit: 1771

Filed: March 23, 2001

Examiner: J.A. Boyd

Title: ABSORBENT COMPOSITE HAVING IMPROVED SURFACE DRYNESS

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

September 10, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Additional Fee |
|--------------------|---|---|------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Total Claims | 78 | - | 107 | = 0 x 18 | = 0 |
| Independent Claims | 6 | - | 7 | = 0 x 84 | = 0 |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$0 |

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated March 12, 2003, set to expire on June 12, 2003, be extended by 3 months, to expire on September 12, 2003. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$930.00.

C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 150737 in the amount of \$930.00 to cover the amendment claim fee and request for extension of time fee.

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D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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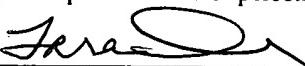
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Date of Deposit: September 10, 2003

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